THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the State Government of Assam, only one case of a foreign national challenging the verdict of the Tribunal by producing a forged citizenship certificate obtained from West Bengal, which on, enquiry was found to be forged, has so far been reported. The power to issue citizenship, certificates now vests in the Central Government and the same are issued in accordance with a Central Act.

Drug trafficking in Pushkar

1632. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWIJHTJRY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Temple Town of Pushkar has emerged as a major centre of drug trafficking where charas, ganja and even smack are freely available for offering to the Gods;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove this evil from this holy-city of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) No large-scale trafficking of drugs in Pushkar has come to the notice of the Government. However, small quantities of drugs like opium, charas and smack have been seized by the police. The number of such cases and persons arrested by the Police are as under:

Year	No. of cases	No. of arrests
1985	20	20
19S6 1987 1988	17	17 *7*
(upto 10-11-1988)	7	9
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The operations against suspected? ! places (including hotels) have not resulted in the recovery of any drugs. Enquiries with the local police and intelligence gathered confirm that there are no organised gangs indulging in large-scale drug trafficking at Pushkar.

The customs staff at Ajmer have been alerted to keep watch on the activities of drug smugglers bo*;!! at Pushkar and Aimer. Special drive against smugglers is also launched. Deterrent punishments against drug-offenders have been provided in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Sub stances Act, 1985. The Prevention of ~*1* Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 provides for preventive detention of drug offenders upto a maximum period of 2 years. Further, the Government of Rajasthan has been specifically advised to take necessary enforcement action against possible diversion of opium from licit cultivation and attempted clandestine manufacture of drugs.

Conversion of debentures

1633. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMAEI:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;
SHRi RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that loans from financial institutions like IDBI. ICICI, LIC, UTI, GIC and IFCI carry convertibility clause so that the loans given by them to various companies are converted to equity share at fees value;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-convertible debentures of various companies were allowed to be eonver-